CIA chief protests information act

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WASHINGTON — CIA Director William Casey says the agency spent \$300,000 complying with a former employee's Freedom of Information Act request and would under the act have to spend money if its Soviet counterpart, the KGB, asked for information.

Casey cited the examples of former officer Philip Agee and the KGB in a speech Tuesday to the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He said the CIA should be exempt from the information act.

"Do we really want to turn the CIA into the purveyor of information for the world rather than a supplier of intelligence to our policymakers?" he said.